

McCandless Police Department

Memorandum

Date: November 14, 2022
To: Town Council
From: Ryan P. Hawk, Chief of Police
RE: Monthly Police Activity Report – October 2022

During the month of October, officers assigned to the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT) and our K-9 unit all participated in their monthly training to maintain their specialized certifications. Additionally, K9 Joy passed his yearly certification in patrol work and narcotics detection with the city of Pittsburgh Police Department. The entire department trained and qualified with their firearms under low light conditions, which is essential training firing a weapon when sight is diminished. One officer was certified as a BOLA WRAP instructor, which now gives us three departmental instructors who can certify the entire department. Our two accident reconstructionists attended a Collision Reconstruction seminar in Erie.

On 10/19/22, we participated in Operation Safe Stop sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. All law enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania patrolled in marked and unmarked patrol units on selected bus routes that have a history of illegal passing complaints in hopes to heighten the importance of safe school bus laws.

Detective Sergeant Egli conducted Halloween safety classes at several of the daycare facilities and schools during October. One of the schools, Ascension Lutheran Church, made a generous donation to the McCandless Police K9 Fund as a thank you. Sgt Madden and K9 Joy also conducted several safety classes at North Allegheny Intermediate and Elementary schools, Beattie Tech Vet Program, Ashton Commons Senior Living Facility, Temple Ohav Shalom and the North Hills Masonic Lodge. All venues were very grateful and eager to interact with K9 Joy and learn about safety services provided by a police K9 Unit.

Residents near Olde Ingomar Court off Highland Road have been concerned about a school bus stop located in a blind spot on Highland Road for many years. Upon the request of Councilmember Jack Casey, I requested a traffic review of that area from the director of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works, who approved a much-needed school bus stop warning on Highland Road in both directions.

Through a grant offered by Allegheny County, we received eight new portable police radios in October.

On 10/24/22 Detective Bock transported over 37 pounds of unwanted expired drugs to the Ross Township Police Department for the Drug Take Back Initiative. The Pennsylvania National Guard Counter Drug Joint Task Force collects the unwanted medications for destruction.